

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information providing system, comprising:  
a database storing price information about objects  
at a plurality of bases; and

5 display control means for displaying price  
information about the objects at said plurality of  
bases stored in said database on display means.

10 2. The system according to claim 1, wherein  
said display control means displays unit price  
information about the objects at said plurality of  
bases.

15 3. The system according to claim 2, wherein  
said display control means displays the unit price  
information about the objects at the plurality of  
bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of  
money.

20 4. The system according to claim 2, wherein  
said display control means displays an amount of  
money based on a present currency of the bases.

25 5. The system according to claim 4, wherein  
said display control means further displays an  
exchange rate.

6. The system according to claim 2, wherein  
said display control means displays a difference  
in unit price among said plurality of bases.

5 7. The system according to claim 1, wherein  
said display control means further displays cost  
cutting information.

10 8. An information providing system, comprising:  
a database storing parts information;  
specifying means for specifying parts; and  
control means for displaying the parts information  
corresponding to the parts specified by said specifying  
means after searching said database for the  
15 information.

20 9. The system according to claim 8, wherein  
said database stores electronic parts information  
and/or mechanical parts information.

25 10. The system according to claim 8, wherein  
said database stores at least one of catalog image  
information, specification information, quality  
approval information, and unit price information about  
the parts.

11. The system according to claim 8, wherein

said database stores information about  
substitutable parts.

12. The system according to claim 8, wherein  
5 said database stores product and parts  
information; and

said control means displays information about a  
product for which the parts specified by said  
specifying means are used after searching said database  
10 for the information.

13. The system according to claim 8, wherein  
said database stores information about environment  
of parts.

15 14. An information providing system, comprising:  
a database storing material information;  
specifying means for specifying material; and  
control means for displaying material information  
20 corresponding to the material specified by said  
specifying means after searching said database for the  
information.

15. The system according to claim 14, wherein  
25 said database stores resin material information  
and/or a mechanical parts material.

16. The system according to claim 14, wherein  
said database stores amount-of-money information  
and/or unit price information about materials.

5 17. The system according to claim 16, wherein  
said amount-of-money information and/or unit price  
information are stored for each base.

10 18. The system according to claim 14, wherein  
said database stores weight information about  
materials.

15 19. The system according to claim 14, wherein  
said database stores material information and  
products; and

said control means displays information about the  
products in which the materials specified by said  
specifying means are used after searching said database  
for the information.

20 20. The system according to claim 14, wherein  
said database stores at least one of specification  
information, approved color information, and  
environment information about materials.

25 21. An information providing method, comprising:  
the step of storing price information about

objects at a plurality of bases in a database; and  
the display controlling step of displaying price  
information about the objects at said plurality of  
bases stored in said database on display means.

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22. The method according to claim 21, wherein  
said display controlling step displays unit price  
information about the objects at the plurality of  
bases.

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23. The method according to claim 22, wherein  
said display controlling step displays the unit  
price information about the objects at the plurality of  
bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of  
money.

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24. The method according to claim 22, wherein  
said display controlling step displays an amount  
of money based on a present currency of the bases.

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25. The method according to claim 24, wherein  
said display controlling step further displays an  
exchange rate.

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26. The method according to claim 22, wherein  
said display controlling step displays a  
difference in unit price among said plurality of bases.

27. The method according to claim 21, wherein  
said display controlling step further displays  
cost cutting information.

5 28. An information providing method, comprising:  
the step of storing parts information in a  
database;

the specifying step of specifying parts ; and  
the controlling step of displaying the parts  
10 information corresponding to the parts specified in  
said specifying step after searching said database for  
the information.

29. The method according to claim 28, wherein  
15 said database stores electronic parts information  
and/or mechanical parts information.

30. The method according to claim 28, wherein  
said database stores at least one of catalog image  
20 information, specification information, quality  
approval information, and unit price information about  
the parts.

31. The method according to claim 28, wherein  
25 said database stores information about  
substitutable parts.

32. The method according to claim 28, wherein  
said database stores product and parts  
information; and

5        said controlling step displays information about a  
product for which the parts specified in said  
specifying step are used after searching said database  
for the information.

10       33. The method according to claim 28, wherein  
said database stores information about environment  
of parts.

15       34. An information providing method, comprising:  
the step of storing material information in a  
database;  
the specifying step of specifying material; and  
the controlling step of displaying material  
information corresponding to the material specified in  
said specifying step after searching said database for  
20       the information.

25       35. The method according to claim 34, wherein  
said database stores resin material information  
and/or a mechanical parts material.

36. The method according to claim 34, wherein  
said database stores amount-of-money information

and/or unit price information about materials.

37. The method according to claim 36, wherein  
said amount-of-money information and/or unit price  
5 information are stored for each base.

38. The method according to claim 34, wherein  
said database stores weight information about  
materials.

10 39. The method according to claim 34, wherein  
said database stores material information and  
products; and

15 said controlling step displays information about  
the products in which the materials specified in said  
specifying step are used after searching said database  
for the information.

20 40. The method according to claim 34, wherein  
said database stores at least one of specification  
information, approved color information, and  
environment information about materials.

25 41. A computer-readable medium storing:  
the step of storing price information about  
objects at a plurality of bases in a database; and  
the display controlling step of displaying price



information about the objects at said plurality of  
bases stored in said database on display means.

42. The medium according to claim 41, wherein  
5       said display controlling step displays unit price  
information about the objects at said plurality of  
bases.

43. The medium according to claim 42, wherein  
10       said display controlling step displays the unit  
price information about the objects at said plurality  
of bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of  
money.

44. A computer-readable medium storing:  
15       the step of storing parts information in a  
database;  
the specifying step of specifying parts; and  
the controlling step of displaying the parts  
20       information corresponding to the parts specified in  
said specifying step after searching said database for  
the information.

45. The medium according to claim 44, wherein  
25       said database stores product and parts  
information; and  
said controlling step displays information about a

product for which the parts specified in said specifying step are used after searching said database for the information.

5           46. A computer-readable medium storing:  
the step of storing material information in a database;

the specifying step of specifying material; and  
the controlling step of displaying material  
10 information corresponding to the material specified in said specifying step after searching said database for the information.

15           47. The medium according to claim 46, wherein said database stores material information and products; and

said controlling step displays information about the products in which the materials specified in said specifying step are used after searching said database  
20 for the information.